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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM AMENDMENT AND AGREEMENT,
BASED ON A 12-MONTH NO-COST EXTENSION OF
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2006 GRANT AWARD FROM THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize and instruct the Director of the Department of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to sign agreement amendments with 75 participating Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) hospitals and clinic association, funded by a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (USHHS), to prepare hospitals and supporting health care systems to deliver coordinated and effective care to victims of terrorism and other public health emergencies, substantially similar to Exhibits I, II, III, and IV, to extend the agreement term, retroactive to September 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008, consistent with the term approved by USHHS, with no County cost.
2. Approve and delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to sign subsequent agreements and amendments with qualified HPP providers, based on activities identified in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006, approved application, effective upon agreement by the parties through August 31, 2008, with no County cost.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The purpose of these recommended actions is to obtain approval to: 1) execute amendments to the existing HPP Agreements; and 2) execute subsequent agreements and amendments with qualified HPP providers, based on a 12-month no-cost extension of FFY 2006, USHHS grant award.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 for Service Excellence by enhancing the County's ability to prepare hospitals and supporting health care systems to deliver coordinated and effective care to victims of terrorism and other public health emergencies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no cost to the County. The HPP is one-hundred percent funded by grant funds provided by USHHS and previously administered through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) under Award No. U3RHS07560. The remaining balance for the FFY 2006 grant funding is \$4.17 million. Any fund balance remaining after August 31, 2007, will be disbursed when the County receives official notification of the 12-month no-cost extension. There will be no required retroactive payments to contractors.

Funding for the HPP is included in the Health Services Administration Fiscal Year 2007-08 Board Approved Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On September 3, 2002, the Board approved and accepted Los Angeles County's first apportionment of HPP grant funds, in the amount of \$3,659,172, designated for hospital terrorism preparedness program activities, including increased capability to handle a surge of patients in a mass casualty incident, training and equipment to treat patients subject to a bioterrorism event.

Funding to the County for this purpose has continued in subsequent years and on January 18, 2005, the Board accepted funding in the amount of \$15,583,364, for continued participation in the HPP for the period effective August 31, 2004, through August 31, 2005, and delegated authority to the Department of Health Services (DHS) to accept future grant awards through August 31, 2007.

On September 1, 2006, DHS exercised its delegated authority and accepted FFY 2006 grant funding in the amount of \$15,084,217, for the period effective September 1, 2006, through August 31, 2007. As such, under the same delegated authority, the current HPP agreements with the 75 participating hospitals and clinic association were extended for a period of five months, from April 1, 2007, through August 31, 2007.

On August 15, 2007, DHS received informal notification from USHHS that a 12-month no-cost extension of the HPP would be granted. As a result of this informal notification, DHS is now requesting Board approval of the extension retroactive to September 1, 2007, consistent with the extension term approved by USHHS. Official notification is pending, but based on past experience, this should be received within one to two months of the informal notification. Approval of the recommended actions will allow adequate time to complete approved activities, such as staff training and time in developing and participating in terrorism exercises and drills.

Attachment A provides additional information.

County Counsel has approved Exhibits I through IV, as to use and form. County Counsel also concurs with this request to extend the term from August 31, 2007.


IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Amendment will allow the currently participating hospitals and clinic association in Los Angeles County the additional time required to complete approved activities, defined in the Statement of Work of the agreements and amendments executed effective April 1, 2007.

Any additional agreements entered into under the HPP will allow completion of approved activities that will further enhance the County's hospital terrorism preparedness program activities.

When approved, the Department of Health Services requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (5)

c: County Counsel
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